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THE CHESHIRE BALL

If ever there was a time for the lesbian, gay and bisexual community to be proactive, it is now! Amendment 2 has been ruled unconstitutional for the time being and reactive framework is dissipating with every day.

Now, you can join Ground Zero, Equality Colorado, The Gill Foundation, OUT FRONT, PFLAG and various corporations in taking a proactive stance and portraying the lesbian and gay community in a positive light while doing something that will truly be beneficial for all segments of society. These organizations have come together to organize the Cheshire Ball, an event to benefit The Child Advocacy and Protection Team at the Children's Hospital, Denver, and other Colorado organizations dedicated to the prevention of child abuse.

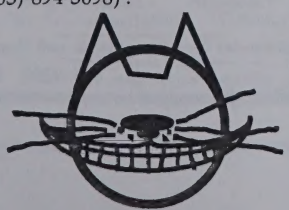
Mark your calendar for APRIL 23, SATURDAY

Preceding the Ball is a **Patron's Dinner**, 6:00PM. This is a light dinner and cocktails. Ticket price, $100. Ticket price includes admission to the Ball. If interested call Bobby Mone, 635-6086 or 684-9218.

Not only will this event be beneficial for the lesbian and gay community of Colorado (by giving us the opportunity to show the rest of the state who we are and that we too care about children and families), it will create public awareness around the issue of child abuse, and provide desperately needed funding to anti-child abuse organizations.

The Child Advocacy and Protection Team at the Children's Hospital provides medical and other assistance to families (regardless of ability to pay) who have needs surrounding child abuse and neglect issues. They also train physicians to specialize in child abuse. This team also conducts valuable research that is used professionally around the country - including a piece which documents that 98% of all crimes of child abuse cases are carried out by heterosexual perpetrators!

If you are interested in attending or want to assist us on the ticket committee, please call one of the sponsoring organizations (Ground Zero (719) 635-6086 or the Cheshire Ball office at (303)-894-3698) .



GRANT IMPROVES GROUND ZERO COMPUTER CAPABILITIES

Thanks to a Grant-In-Kind from the Digital Queers and Tim Gill, Ground Zero's computer capability is significantly improved. We will continue to work on our PC system but will spend much more productive time on our new Apple Macintosh high grade system including larger hard disk storage, much improved memory, great graphics, a laser printer that has double the capabilities of the current one and great software, including QUARK EXPRESS. As soon as we adapt to this system, we should be able to do great things. Thanks to Tim Gill and Digital Queers, who have also expressed a willingness to lend technical support.

This is not the first time that Tim Gill has come to the aid of efforts in Colorado Springs. In the Fall, the CURE Rally received a significant boost from the Gill Foundation and the current Cheshire Ball efforts have been supplemented by a boost from it also.

Ground Zero has also received grants from the Chinook Fund, The Freedom Fund and the Colin Higgins Foundation. From these funds we have produced a video tape on coalition building, shortly to be released nationwide; have produced a six part radio program, now being circulated, and are providing seed money to the WE ARE ALL FAMILY CAMPAIGN. In addition, Ground Zero received a $5000 grant designated for the video GAY RIGHTS IN COLORADO, THE UNCIVIL WAR from Paula Poundstone, which was dispersed for that use.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to all. WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT YOU???

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Bits and Pieces.....

Just as important as the other news...just shorter!!

CONGRATULATION TO LA GUIA

La Guia's Mega-Mixer '94 was a great success. La Guia not only signed up 31 new members, but also distributed information from P-FLAG, Pueblo After 2, Ground Zero, Equality Colorado, and Lesbians in Colorado. Keep up the good work!

SPEAKERS BUREAU SEEKS PARTICIPANTS

Speaking to groups and spreading the truth can be rewarding and challenging experiences. As the Speakers Bureau continues to organize we are looking for members who would like to be included in the database. We need to know the topics you feel competent to discuss and the size and type of groups to whom you would be willing to speak. If you would like to be part of the Speakers Bureau for our community, please contact the office and leave this information with Frank, or call Frank Mosher at 635-4623. We will be arranging training sessions for those who would like helpful hints on public speaking as our list become more complete.

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PRESIDENT'S POSITION IS VACATING

Now that Katherine is leaving us, the position of President or Co-President of Ground Zero will vacate as of April 30, 1994. Those who are interested in filling this position should inform the office (635-6086) by April 20.

Names will be considered by the Nominating Committee. Selected candidates will be listed in the May Newsletter with ballots included. Ballots need to be submitted to the office by May 15. Newly elected person (s) will be announced after ballots are counted on May 15.

Interested candidates will need to meet the following criteria:

1) Must be "out of the closet".

2) Take the time to inform her/himself about the current (though always changing) issues in which Ground Zero is involved.

3) Have the desire and ability to be the spokesperson of Ground Zero in all realms, including media relations.

4) Be willing to attend and facilitate monthly board meetings and keep the Board of Directors on track with its long-term goals.

Right now is a fantastic and important time to get involved with Ground Zero, no matter what level of involvement you are comfortable with. Positions at many different levels are available. Those who are involved have fun while being proactive and effective within the gay and lesbian civil rights movement.

There is a sense of accomplishment and productiveness we all experience while we fight for the right to be who we are. Call the office or come by to learn about all of the things you can enjoy being involved in.

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A Battle of the Books

ARE THEY TRYING TO FOOL US, OR WHAT??

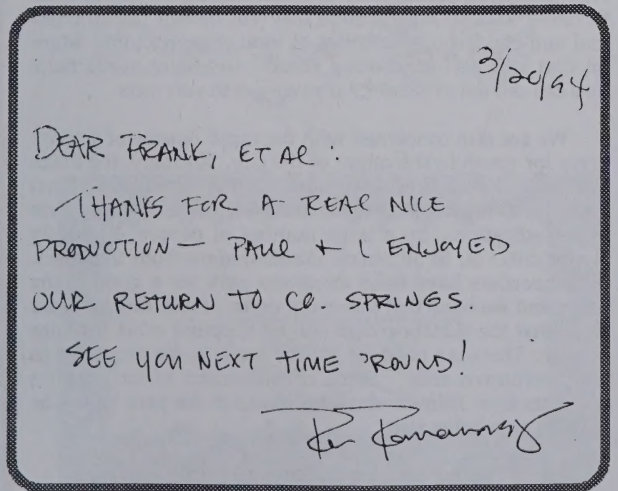
You may have noticed billboards popping up all over town hawking a new book, GAY POLITICS, with the side comment "politically incorrect." You are told to call 442-BOOK to place your order.

Many people have been confused by this ad. It gives no credit as to who is selling this book and we think this may have been purposeful. The complete title of the book (which is hard to read on the billboard) is GAY POLITICS VS. COLORADO AND AMERICA: THE INSIDE STORY OF AMENDMENT 2 and is by our old friend Stephen Bransford. It is quite simply just one more piece of the same old propaganda from one of the gang at CFV.

When we called the number, the lady on the other end would not say who was sponsoring or behind the book. Finally, after much prodding, she did name a few names of endorsers and, by golly, they were all CFV people. The Independent reported (March 16-22, Vol 2 #10, p. 2) that when they called they were informed that this told the real story of Amendment 2 and that, "[CFV]... has endorsed the book, but is in no way involved in marketing or distribution. Money made off the book goes directly to its author," she said. "No group's behind it," she continued.

When the Independent purchased a copy, however, they were instructed to make the check out to Colorado for Family Values "...and the newspaper was told that it was a donation to the organization."

DECEPTION HAS BEEN THE RULE OF THUMB FOR CFV AND THEIR FRIENDS. THIS IS JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE.



RICHARD D. MOHR, NOTED AUTHOR

Richard D. Mohr has used his provocative and controversial writing talent to establish himself as one of the most important gay thinkers in America. Teacher, author, and speaker on gay issues, Mohr devotes his time and energy to fight for gay rights in America. His book GAY IDEAS: OUTING AND OTHER CONTROVERSIES (Beacon, 1992), awarded Mohr the 1992 Editor's Choice Award by the Lambda Book Report, which cited his work as "a much needed and positive contribution to building an intellectually respectable gay and lesbian body of thought." This award was a sweet success after the book was rejected by 23 printers before its publisher Beacon Press was able to find a company that would print it. The companies were unwilling to print the book because of the controversial artwork featured by Robert Mapplethorpe and other gay artists. Another book by Mohr is GAYS/JUSTICE: A STUDY OF ETHICS, SOCIETY AND LAW (Columbia, 1988), which was the winner of the 1988 Gustavus Myers Center Outstanding Book Award for the best book on the subject of intolerance.

In his latest book, A MORE PERFECT UNION, Mohr acknowledges that the taboo of talking about homosexuals has been lifted from our society, yet gay rights are still being neglected and ignored. A book that is ideal not only for gay activists, but also for straight parents and friends of gay people, is clear, accessible and hopeful. A MORE PERFECT UNION shows how the most basic and widely held values of American society demand justice for gays and lesbians.

In addition to his writing, Mohr is a professor of philosophy at the University of Illinois, and a journalist. His articles have appeared in such publications as *THE NATION, THE BOSTON GLOBE, FRONTIERS, and THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE*. Mohr has also done a variety of public service work, including public lectures for religious organizations and schools. He resides in Urbana, Illinois.

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SUPPORT TEAM

Ground Zero Support teams are made up of groups of gays and lesbians who work in the community-at-large to demonstrate our interest in areas other than gay politics. One of the principle goals of the Support Team concept is to show the general public who we are and that we, too, are involved and concerned.

Support teams need not be comprised of active members of Ground Zero but, rather, would be more successful if comprised of a broad cross section of the community. As an example, retired persons would be most valuable to Watch Teams by going to City Council Meeting and other day hour hearings and meetings and reporting back to the organization, or by writing short reports for the newsletter. If you would like to join or form a Support Team, do call the office now. The community needs you.

COMMUNITY WATCH

This team is out and about as much as possible but sends out a call for more support, especially for day meetings. This month, we went to a Human Relations Commission meeting, a Colorado Springs Minority Coalition meeting, a meeting on concealed weapons, and a press conference on the death penalty by the Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission. We didn't go to a City Council meeting, though we did feel the need for comic relief, because there just isn't enough of us to go around.

The Human Relations Commission meeting was much better directed this time than last. That doesn't mean that anything really productive came out of the meeting--it just means that nothing really productive came out of a shorter meeting than did before. The Minority Coalition meeting proved most informative in that the Chair of the Human Relations Commission, Jim Musante and the Director of the State Division of Civil Rights, Jack Langy Marquez, held a wide-ranging discussion with the Coalition board on subjects of interest, including Civil Rights Ordinances and what can be done to empower the commission.

Gun Control hearings have brought to light interesting facts. The concealed weapons hearing was the second we have attended. It is interesting to note that these are heavily packed by those from the right; fundamentalist and CFV types. All of these argue against gun control and against regulations that would stiffen requirements for the carrying of concealed weapons. Does this sound an alarm in anyone else's mind like it does in the mind of the writer of this article???

We also found out at the PPJPC death penalty press conference that the same people that are seeking to expand the right to carry arms by private citizens are those that strongly support the death penalty. We were indeed surprised to hear that the more a Christian is likely to go to church, the more he is likely to support the death penalty. Sister Helen Prejean reminded us that Jesus was an executed criminal. How would we explain his death today in a Texas gas chamber. Also, 75% of all executions occur in five southern states. All of these states have seen an increase in murder since reinstituting the death penalty while states without have seen no such increase or have seen decreases.

MINORITY OUTREACH

Attended the Colorado Springs Minority Coalition meeting discussed above, the People of Color Press Conference that called for a Grand Jury investigation in to charges against El Paso County Sheriff Berry that he practices and condones racists and sexists policies in the Sheriff's Department (as well as anti-gay issues.) There was great merit in the evidence presented by Jim Tucker and Ruben Martinez and the Team tends to agree with the call for the investigation.

The issues of the Garden of the Gods were explored at several meetings we attended and we believe them based as much in disputes between Native American Groups as in other issues. It is, nonetheless, a complex issue with no simple answer. For now, the project is proceeding and the city has appointed Cahuilla Red Elk and AIM to monitor the work to assure that any artifacts that are found are repatriated to the correct Tribe and the city and Lyda Hill have entered into an agreement that will give Native American groups the right to participate in how Native American history and culture will be presented at the park.

YOUTH ISSUES

We are very involved in the events surrounding the Cheshire Ball. See GZ article THE CHESHIRE BALL. Additionally, member Sally B. is developing a plan for a 5K Running Race in May or June that will benefit family crisis and anti-child abuse activities of local organizations. More on that will be forthcoming shortly and Sally needs help. You can call her at 685-5927 if you want to volunteer.

We are also concerned with the rapid demise of activity areas for youth in the center of the city. Recently, the Plaza Ice Plaza shut down, disappointing many children. Most recently, at hearings on what to do with Acacia Park, there were indications by a large number of people, especially senior citizens, to eliminate skateboarders from that park. Skateboarders have been using the park for a good many years and we hope that this is not done. If it is, however, we hope that the skateboarders will be supplied other facilities nearby. There is a need for "youth" facilities for recreation in the downtown area. Some consideration of facilities for students from Palmer who take breaks in the park would be viewed as positive also.

REPORTS

EDUCATION

The Education Support Team is concerned with activities of CFV in District 20 with regard to the District's Sex and Aids Education Program. We need people in this district who can monitor this situation and other activities, and report their findings.

The Team has attended one more meeting of the Charter School Committee, the group seeking to establish a charter school for at risk students in District 11 and it appears that the process is moving along. As reported in the last issue, the charter school would be based in the old Garfield School and open in September of 1994 for about two hundred students. It is a concept that is needed and one which we should support. The Committee seeks to broaden the representation of those attending meetings. If you are interested in this, call the office.

We are also concerned with the activities at Lewis Palmer District #38 in Monument. Significant charges of discrimination against students with disabilities and of sexual harassment of students have arisen. The Education Watch Team has been in constant communication with United Parents representative, Rita Ague, who is deeply involved in investigating these charges and we are assured they are most serious. We will keep the membership informed as the issue develops.

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If You Thought Colorado Springs Was Bad...You Should try Indiana!

by Katherine Pease

I recently had the opportunity to visit Bloomington, Indiana and speak to some of the activists in this purportedly progressive mid-west town. While I did meet some wonderful people in Bloomington and I am certain that there are plenty of progressive minded people in this Hoosier college town, I must admit that I am terribly disappointed in Bloomington in one particular aspect:

Namely, the one large lesbian and gay bar that I visited in Bloomington, was tragically keeping its gay and lesbian population in the dark and refused to take a stand on anything even vaguely political.

The week that I visited Bloomington, the State Legislature had just voted down a Hate Crimes bill that included sexual orientation. The buzz around town about this defeat was less than a whisper and the bar refused to do anything to let people know of the handful of people who were actively making an issue of the Legislature's decision. I spoke with the manager of the bar who flat out said that it is the bar's policy not to get involved in any political activity and that if people want to know what's going on, they should read the tabloids.

While this is a terribly disappointing attitude for someone who is at the center of activity within much of the gay and lesbian community, it is fortunately NOT the attitude of the bar owners of the Colorado Springs bars. Therefore, on behalf of Ground Zero, I would like to extend our full appreciation to:

Jan, Barb, Carmen and Tina at True Colors
Tim and W.W. at The Penthouse
Joe and Tom at the Hide and Seek

for their willingness to take a stand on the issues that are important and by giving a voice to the queer community in an environment where they are not obligated to do so.

So next time you're visiting one of our favorite drinking locals, remember that these people are doing their part in keeping us informed and keeping the gay and lesbian community active in Colorado Springs.

Ground Zero urges you to support our advertisers; It's their support that keeps the Newsletter in circulation every month!!!

CFV PROTOCOL: LIES, MYTHS A

by Frank Whitworth

The March issue of the CFV REPORT is so full of overt lies and misrepresentations designed to evoke fear and hate that an exploration of that document is necessary.

Turning to page two, one is greeted by the headline GAY GROUPS TURN AGAINST NAMBLA. The obvious implications being that gay groups had, previously, been in favor of NAMBLA. This thought holds as much merit as our saying that David Karesch, Jim Jones, Jim Bakker and Kevin Tebedo are voices for the majority of Christians.

NAMBLA has been on the "fringe" of the Gay world for years. They are small and insignificant (most think less than two hundred worldwide; they say a thousand). When CFV started its hate campaign, many gays and lesbians had to find out who NAMBLA was and what the letters stood for. That NAMBLA claims gay and lesbian community acceptance does not make it so. They are out on the edge and have done a good job of self-proclaiming themselves a part of the GLBT movement. They are not. While there are gays who resist denying anyone their rights to self-expression because of their own experience of oppression, few support their goals in regard children.

This does not make everything they say bad or wrong. Another article in the March CFV REPORT points out that gays and lesbians support some things that NAMBLA stands for. It is not difficult to agree with NAMBLA'S position that ages of consent should apply to all equally and that penalties for violating them should be the same, whether heterosexual or homosexual. Today, heterosexual child molestation is punished more mildly than homosexual and often ages of consent are lower. Further, men molesting children suffer heavier penalties than women doing so. A need to equally apply ages of consent and to apply the same penalties is an acceptable platform of NAMBLA'S. Their positions supporting the right for adult men to have sex with children is not.

Representative Dornan, the arch-conservative from California, is quoted as saying that "...I found that ILGA has consistently advocated many of the goals and objectives of NAMBLA." This is not wholly untrue. It is deceptive. The ILGA believes, as does NAMBLA, that laws should be enforced equally. The ILGA passed an international doctrine in 1987 harshly opposing child victimization and adult molestation of children. A fact ignored by CFV and Dornan and a fact that instituted a seven year battle between the ILGA and NAMBLA. NAMBLA became a member of ILGA in the way it often gets into GLBT circles. They were at the founding convocation and signed the documents establishing the organization along with many others. One of the founding articles requires a seventy-five per cent vote to remove a member group, said removal of NAMBLA to be sought in the July, 1994, international assembly.

This CFV article takes me to task, calling "pious fodder" my statement printed in the Colorado Springs Independent that "It's time for American society as a whole to recognize the victimization of its youth through child molestation and abuse, and to dedicate itself to attacking the problem." The articles goes on to say that Whitworth showed another face far from home when he said in the WASHINGTON BLADE (1/7/94) that " I want to take away that tool that the radical right has been using against gay organizations. I would like to think that this would take that hammer out of their hands."

My response "It's true. I said it. What the CFV REPORT doesn't tell however is how I said I sought to do this---- that being by exposing CFV'S lies, myths and stereotypical methods."

Also on page 2, the CFV REPORT further demonstrates its penchant for misrepresentation in a piece entitled "IN THEIR OWN WORDS." Correctly quoted therein is Katt Morgan (GLCCC director), who said, "[Tebedo] is unexpectedly right about one thing: we do plan on continuing to erode homophobia and heterosexism which plague us in Colorado." The CFV REPORT expands this to say that Morgan was agreeing with the whole of Kevin's statement that said, "With the glare of international media focused on every aspect of 'gay rights' activity in our state, we expect to see Colorado in 1994 become a hotbed for every sort of militant homosexual harassment, political maneuvering and deception in the book." This is obviously not at all what Morgan said.

In the major article of the CFV REPORT, "Pedophilia--the Part of Homosexuality They Don't Want You To See," the lies and myths continue to unfold. CFV uses results of studies, their analysis of which have often been disputed by the authors, and they use reports generated by right wing propaganda-style research groups. They claim that the boy scouts spend $50,000 dollars a month in litigation involving child molestation and they ignore millions and millions spent by private and public schools and other youth groups in litigating cases involving heterosexual molestation or in suppressing news of them.

They quote obscure sources and NAMBLA as if they represent a broad view. Continually, they quote a statement of a MICHAEL SWIFT, believed to be a pseudonym, as making his statement beginning "We shall sodomize your children..." in 1987 when they know, in fact, that it was made in 1971 on a flyer self-produced and circulated by Swift in a small area of Berkeley, Ca. They want you to believe that he represented some large group of Gays when he only represented himself. They know, in fact, that the date 1987 was when Representative Dornan, having come upon a copy of this, read it into the Congressional Record. They also know that the author used the words for "shock value" to call attention to the oppression and discrimination that he suffered and nothing more.

CFV points to a study of ads in the ADVOCATE CLASSIFIED [1] as an analysis that shows that there are a large number of ads that look for clean-shaven men and youthful appearing men who are well developed. The pictures often published ARE men in there twenties to thirties who have little or no facial or upper torso hair. Is this unlike the pictures published in the likes of PENTHOUSE and PLAYBOY, that almost without exception show youthful women who appeal to heterosexual man's infatuation with youth? Does heterosexual society not have a very definite interest in youth and youthful appearing women? How many middle age and older women do you see posing nude in HUSTLER. And CFV doesn't bother to study or similarly analyze magazines that print classifieds for heterosexuals (of which there are hundreds), the results of which would be the same as studies of homosexual classifieds.

Before the passage of laws outlawing child porn, an owner of several porn shops locally revealed to this author what sold best in his stores. He stated that among heterosexual porn, books with young girls and girls made to look young (often by shaving and makeup) were the biggest sellers, with domination books (women over men) and S & M books (the kinkier the better) following closely. At the same time, he said, he could hardly move kiddy

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APRIL 3, EASTER SUNDAY, 5 PM, THE PIKES PEAK METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH will perform and celebrate the Easter Cantata entitled "WE WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST" According to Rev. Nori Rost, pastor, the cantata features music pulled from several works and will be performed by the Pikes Peak MCC Choir. "David Corder, Choir Director, is working very hard with the choir to prepare for the cantata," she said. The music is woven into the story of Christ's crucifixion through narration which is written and performed by Rev. Rost. "I basically tell the story of Jesus as seen through the eyes of a first century Palestinian woman," Rost said. The Pikes Peak MCC congregation meets at the All Souls Unitarian Church at 730 N. Tejon in Colorado Springs. Services are at 5PM each Sunday. In addition to the 5 PM Cantata, there will also be an Easter sunrise service at the Garden of the Gods. For more information on either of the Easter services, call the church at 634-3771.

APRIL 5, TUESDAY, 7 - 8 PM, PIKES PEAK METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH will begin a series of classes entitled **"RADICAL DATING IN THE 90's".** The classes will be an hour long and will meet for six consecutive Tuesdays. According to Rev. Nori Rost, facilitator of the classes, she developed the curriculum after realizing how ill prepared society has made the lesbian, gay and bisexual community for dating. Rev. Rost believes this class will give individuals the tools to plan for healthy relationships and avoid some of the pitfalls of past relationships. For more information call Rev. Rost at the church office, 634-3771.

APRIL 8, FRIDAY, MIDNIGHT, HIDE-N-SEEK, JEFF VALDEZ will give a **BENEFIT SHOW FOR GROUND ZERO.** Call 634-9303 for more details.

APRIL 8 - 9, and 15 - 16, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FIRST STRIKE THEATER takes the offensive and turns it into **"Sacred Cows and Capital Offenses"** a "moo-sical revue" at the **West Intergenerational Learning Center, 1920 W. Pikes Peak Ave. Tickets are $7 general admission, $3 low income and are available at the door.** Wheel chair access is at 25 N. 20th St., and the April 16 performance will be interpreted in American Sign Language. Greed, guns, piety and self-help get milked when First Strike's uppity people take a look from the "udder" side. "Sacred Cows and Capital Offenses" is an Arts for Peace project of the Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission. For more information, call 632-6189.

APRIL 9, SATURDAY, STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR LA GUIA, 2:00PM at GENTRY'S FLOWERS

APRIL 10 - 15, SUNDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST, COLORADO COLLEGE, series of lectures, discussions, slide presentations. All events are open to the public free of charge. For more information call the Office of College Relations at 389-6603.

APRIL 13, WEDNESDAY, 7:30 PM, RICHARD D. MOHR WILL LECTURE AT THE GATES COMMON ROOM, PALMER HALL, COLORADO COLLEGE. Mr. Mohr is a noted author and lecturer on Gay and Lesbian issues and will discuss his book, A More Perfect Union: Why Straight America Must Stand Up for Gay Rights . This event is sponsored by Ground Zero, Citizens Project, CC B-GALA, P-Flag, All Souls Unitarian Church, La Guia and The Colorado Springs Minority Coalition, Inc. This event is open to the general public without charge. Donations will be accepted. Mr. Mohr will remain after the lecture to discuss and sign his book. If you need more information, please call the GZ office (635-6086). See GZ article RICHARD MOHR, NOTED AUTHOR, for more information.

APRIL 15, FRIDAY, TRUE COLORS, BEER BUST 9 PM till 1AM All the draft beer you can drink all night long for $5.00.

APRIL 16, SATURDAY, 7:00PM, MUSIC AND POETRY PFLAG FUND-RAISER at ALL SOUL'S UNITARIAN CHURCH. Local artists (professionals and amateurs, male and females, gay and straight, some you know, some you don't) are getting together to help raise some funds for this much loved organization. There is no better time to give back to PFLAG (in cash) what this organization has given to the GLBT community. Suggested donation $5.00.

APRIL 16, SATURDAY, LAVENDER UNIVERSITY PRESENTS "L.U. in the SPRINGS" on the COLORADO CAMPUS, STUDENT CULTURAL CENTER FROM 1 - 5 PM. Potluck and Music at 5:30pm. Registration will be $5 and a donation will be taken in lieu of class fees. Proceeds will benefit the Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado Springs. L.U. will be offering classes in: financial independence, coming out to parents, massage fun, square dancing and plotting a mystery. "Lavender U. In the Springs" will be a one day event, beginning with registration at 12:30PM. Lavender U. is based on the "free university" format with one notable difference: the classes are designed for and by Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender communities. Now in its third year, L.U. has offered classes in cooking, alternative medicine, spirituality, sports and outdoor events, Lesbian literature and Gay culture, as well as many others. L.U. is committed to providing quality educational, social and recreational opportunities in a gay-friendly environment. **Registration due ASAP. Call Lavender U. (303) 831-6268 for more info.**

APRIL 16 & 17, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, PEOPLE OF COLOR ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW, GENTRY'S FLOWERS, 21S. TEJON. This craft show will display many different artisans/crafters' pieces of work. If you are interested in participating, please call GZ office for more information. It's never to early to shop for Christmas!

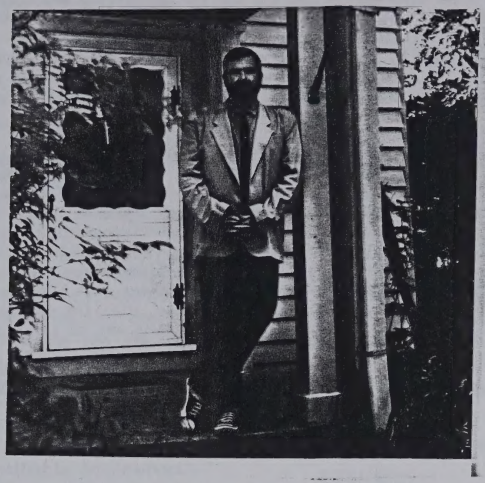
APRIL 22, FRIDAY, 7PM, USC CAMPUS, PUEBLO. ONE-IN-TEN presents Colorado Springs Diversity Chourus as part of the Heritage Festival. The Concert is open to the public and will be held in the Life Sciences Auditorium. For ticket information, call 1-719-549-2990.

APRIL 23, SATURDAY, THE CHESHIRE BALL , 8:00 PM, NORWEST BANK ATRIUM, 1740 BROADWAY ST., DENVER, CO. Tickets $50.00. (Black Tie Optional) Hors d'oeuvres will be served with a cash bar. Ground Zero has a "GZ" table reserved for the evening. If you are interested please call Bobby Mone at the office 635-6096 or 684-9218. Let's make Ground Zero visible and have a fabulous time at the ball. See the GZ article THE CHESHIRE BALL for more details.

APRIL 30, SATURDAY, HIDE-N-SEEK, 10:40PM AND 12:10AM, UCRSE will give two **BENEFIT SHOWS FOR GROUND ZERO.** Call Hide-N-Seek for more details.

RICHARD D. MOHR

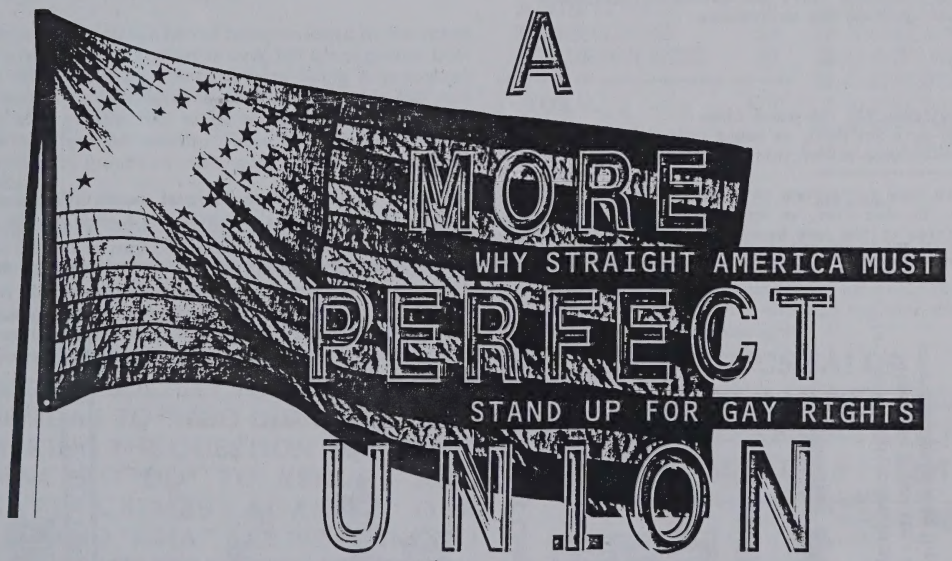
AUTHOR OF: GAY IDEAS and GAYS/JUSTICE



A GROUND ZERO PRODUCTION

WE ARE ALL FAMILY

WILL INTRODUCE AND PRESENT A PROGRAM BASED ON HIS NEWEST WORK:



COLORADO COLLEGE
PALMER HALL
THE GATES COMMON ROOM

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13TH 7:30PM

Mr. Mohr's Appearance Is Sponsored By:
GROUND ZERO, CITIZEN'S PROJECT, P-FLAG, CC B-GALA, LA GUIA, ALL SOULS UNITARIAN CHURCH AND THE COLORADO SPRINGS MINORITY COALITION

GROUND ZERO GOES HIGH TECH

Ground Zero has long realized a need to go more computer heavy in its approach to many areas of its activities. For this reason, we **have designed and brought up a full computer BBS and computer library system** that we hope to phase in gradually.

The first two uses of this system will be **information sharing and for depositing and retrieval of historical and research data.** Ground Zero wishes to make its enormous informational resources available to other local organizations for research and preparation of educational materials related to gay and lesbian issues and to other areas of concern to social justice and civil rights organizations. **These resources will be accessible by modem.** It is our hope that as we develop, we will be able to download information contained in other data bases for assimilation into the system. Once the system is going and we are able to afford additional phone lines (we will starting with just one), we will offer services to Groups outside of Southern Colorado and, ultimately, we hope, to individuals, including on-line communications.

We will establish forums for all civil rights, social justice and gay and lesbian organizations in the area. Any group may leave information in these forums for any and all other said organizations, including all information and press releases that one group may wish to get to other groups and newsletter. We will also offer to receive fax press releases in the BBS and automatically generate their dispersal to all local, and, ultimately, all state and key national news agencies, where applicable. This will be advantageous in that all groups and all newsletters will be fully informed of all pertinent information that other groups want to get out to the widest possible readership with the entry of one news release or informational release and, ultimately, the same release can reach all relevant news media and community resources desired. **Groups on line will not each have to send out dozens of notices and still not reach everyone--now all will be informed at the same time. As we can, deadlines will be posted for all newsletters so that all groups can be aware of that.** All that the receiving forum need do is have a modem, dial the BBS and pick up their mail, which can be downloaded on command, or viewed live. Entry of any ASCII text can be done the same way to any and all concerned groups, selected or global.

A FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS, ENTERED BY THE MEMBER GROUPS, WITH FULL EVENT DESCRIPTIONS, WILL BE AVAILABLE (VERY SHORTLY). GROUND ZERO WILL ALSO MONITOR STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS AND KEY OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ENTER THEM ON THE CALENDAR IN ORDER THAT WE BE AWARE OF CONFLICTING BROAD COMMUNITY EVENTS. All groups will have access to this calendar.

HELP IS NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

*Sorting and Cataloging Resource Materials.
*Preparation of Materials for OCR scanning into data files
*Editing and proofing for files for correct content.
*Assistance in the downloading of files from other groups
*Continual computer entry and monitoring assistance
*Calendar updating and maintenance

We Can Use:

*Data switches for the phone lines
*Modems--ours are 2400, we would like three faster ones, 9600 or 14400.
*Support to make all of this come together

Down the road, we hope **to log one to FIDONET, Internet and America On Line, giving us international capabilities and access for the relevant groups.** By that time, we hope, also, to make the BBS available to a membership , who will pay a small fee to defer expenses, who will have access to the same benefits, including on-line communications locally and internationally.

UNITED COURT OF THE RISING SUN EMPIRE
COLORADO SPRINGS COLORADO

PRESENTS

The Emperor's New Clothes

An Evening of Comedic Presentations to benefit

GROUND ZERO

THE HOB'N NOB COMPLEX

Saturday April 30th 10:40 and 12:10

The Court is interested in other participation from Ground Zero Members. If you are a comedian at heart and would be interested in joining the show, call Chris Lee at 685-5509

BUILDING COALITION

ND THE ART OF STEREOTYPING

porn and S & M stuff that was gay related. Mostly, gay men wanted "stand and model" books showing men posing nude, not engaged in sex, who were in their twenties to low thirties and who were largely clean-bodied. When given a choice between child porn and these, gay men almost invariably chose the adult male books. Except among an extremely small circle of pedophiles (who normally do not have a preference as to the sex of the young child pictured), he rarely sold the child porn books and stocked few.

Statistics are a big thing with the radical right. They use those they can control and misuse those they can't. Many have obscure sources or result from extremely flawed and biased techniques. Many are remote from Colorado. At the District Court trial for the unconstitutionality of Amendment 2, Dr. Carole Jenny, MD, MBA, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Dept. of Pediatrics, University of Colorado, Health Science Center, testified on the statistics concerning molestation cases as seen at the Children's Hospital. A study was conducted. In all, three hundred and fifty two cases were evaluated. The findings, in the 269 cases remaining after cases of children molesting children and 9 unknowns were eliminated (none homosexual in nature), were that only two children, one male and one female, were molested by identifiable homosexuals. Whether you assume the homosexual is 10% or two percent of the general population, this established the rate of incidence of molestation of children by homosexuals to be between 0% and 3.1%, "... well within current estimates of the prevalence of homosexuality in the general community."

" ...in this sample, a child's risk of being molested by his or her own relative's heterosexual partner is over 100 times greater than by someone who might be identifiable as being homosexual, lesbian, or bisexual. ...no evidence is available from this data that children are at a greater risk to be molested by identifiable homosexuals than by other adults. There is no support for the claim to this effect by groups advocating legislation limiting rights of homosexuals."

The Children's Hospital is one of the most reputable institutions of its type in America and Dr. Jenny is among its most respected professional staff. The study, further, is not based on some abstract claims and statements but, rather, on viable and identified statistics. The fact that they relate specifically to the State of Colorado make them even more relevant in contradicting the claims of Colorado for Family Values.

IT IS TIME FOR SOCIETY TO GET OVER THE ARGUMENT AS TO "WHO DID WHAT" AND BEGIN ASKING THE QUESTION "WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO" TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE CRIMES AGAINST OUR CHILDREN AND "WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO" TO HELP AMELIORATE THE EFFECTS ON THOSE ALREADY VICTIMIZED?"

[1]*wrongly confusing that with the mainstream news magazine, THE ADVOCATE. In truth, they were one in the same for years, at a time when a gay news magazine had to include classifieds in order to survive. Today, THE ADVOCATE is indeed the largest selling news magazine for gays in America, without classifieds, and is sold by subscription or at newsstands. THE ADVOCATE CLASSIFIEDS, though bearing a quoted price, is largely supported by the classifieds and is distributed free of charge, mostly at gay bars. As an interesting sidenote, recent studies have demonstrated that only somewhere between five and ten per cent of gays and lesbians frequent GLBT bars.*

WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT THOSE TROUBLESOME ADVOCATE CLASSIFIEDS

CFV repeatedly refers to advertisements in the ADVOCATE CLASSIFIEDS magazine, inferring that a large percentage of ads are placed seeking underage liaisons (chicken is the term they use.) Curious, I sought out the most recent copy of that magazine and did a study of my own.

There were 425 ads in the March 22 ADVOCATE CLASSIFIEDS MAGAZINE. It was easier to classify those seeking than those they sought. I found that often those being sought were tucked into ranges rather than a specific age. I also found that the age of the seekers often (75% of the time) fit into the range of those being sought. I did manage, however to develop the following categories:

SEEKERS		SOUGHT	
NO AGE SPECIFIED	260	NO AGE SPECIFIED	375
18-20 SPECIFIED	24	18+ SPECIFIED	10
21-25 SPECIFIED	44	18-25 SPECIFIED	7
26-30 SPECIFIED	38	18-35 SPECIFIED	14
31-40 SPECIFIED	29	18-45 SPECIFIED	2
40 PLUS SPECIFIED	30	21-30 SPECIFIED	1
		21-45 SPECIFIED	1
TOTAL	**425**	25-40 SPECIFIED	4
		24-50 SPECIFIED	10
		40 PLUS SPECIFIED	1
		TOTAL	**425**

There was no mention in any ad of the term "chicken" and there was no inference of any type that any advertiser was underage or was seeking underage liaisons. To clarify, 61% of those seeking were of non-descript age and there was no age specified for 88% of those sought.

THUS FALLS ANOTHER STATISTICAL MISREPRESENTATION BY THOSE FOLKS FROM CFV.

Abaton Books
"a woman's perspective"

2525 West Pikes Peak - C
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Tamara Bartlett (719) 475-2508

Speak Out....TODAY I CRIED

Not the "manly" thing to do, to be sure--but it is not the first time.

by Frank Whitworth

I cry when I see and hear about the holocaust; I cry when I see news from Sarajevo; I cried when I visited and worked as a volunteer in facilities for severely challenged children; I cried when I saw the abject poverty of minorities in the sixties and the horror of their life as I traveled throughout the South and worked in voter registration drives in black communities; I cried when I heard ministers of the faith I still believed in teach hate–using the bible to justify segregation and oppression--and I cried when I saw the hate their sermons generated; I cry when I see the starvation and poverty of so many people, especially children, in the world, and I cry almost daily as I see AIDS destroying hundreds of thousands of good people as so many others ignore its consequences.

But today, Sunday morning, March 13, 1994, I cried as I watched a video presentation by Coral Gables Ministries, assisted by CBN, on the "gay" issues. My tears, for the first time I could remember, were for me and flowed out of personal despair. There was so much hate!

This video was full of all of the lies, innuendoes, myths and pompous self-righteousness we have come to expect and, tragically, to which we have seemingly become immune. It was just so concentrated, so "clever" and so deceitful. How easily they take the most extreme scenes of gay life and flash them on the screen every time they mention the word gay or homosexual, subliminally saying that this is what we all are. How easily they take statistics that have been proven false and studies, their interpretations of which have often been disputed by the authors, and have used them as absolute fact. How often they take microcosmic happenings and blow them into universal truths. And how easily they read quotes from obscure sources and say this is what the "GAY" agenda is all about.

As they referenced the Platform of the March on Washington, I took out my copy. There was little or no similarity between their "interpreted" list and the actual document. For example, they say that the Platform calls for the "lowering" of the age of consent when, in actuality, it only calls for equal and non-discriminatory application of ages of consent--no ages mentioned. This is but one of the lies.

But, in the end, what made me cry was an overwhelming sense of desperation. This video, which had to cost a hundred thousand, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars, and will raise for them millions, represented to me the power and might of this minority group. Their financial resources seem unlimited and their political might is almost inconceivable. Combine these things with a fascist fervor and approach to fulfill their ambitions, and one arrives at a fearful conclusion. For them, the end justifies the means. They will do and say anything. There is a very real threat that they will ultimately control America and will then set about to eliminate all of whom they do not approve.

We are so far behind them in their political action and organizing. We have yet to produce, as an example, anything of the caliber of the Coral Gables video and, if we did, where would we get the exposure they can get on CBN and other Christian stations and where would we get the money to run this on prime time television, as this one often is?

The gay and lesbian movement faces severe financial challenges and has yet to learn to work together; to unify and to support. CFV has raised thirty times what all Gay groups in Colorado have raised, and they are but one small group. Kevin Tebedo is rumored to make one half again all that Ground Zero raised in all of 1993. And it keeps pouring in while donations to gay groups in Colorado have dwindled to nothing, mirroring similar problems nationwide. Hell, CFV donated to its sister hate group in Cincinnati alone ten times more than Ground Zero has raised for its efforts, allowing the anti-gay group to outspend gay rights groups there three to one.

Ground Zero is faced with not having enough money to survive much less be effective. Those of us who work daily are scrambling to find every penny we can scrape up to keep it going. The gay and lesbian community seems unconcerned. It is the same attitude that allowed Hitler to build a case against his opponents and undesirables and then to remove them from society without significant opposition.

None have worked harder than GZ to raise funds to carry on the fight without asking too much from the community. We have explored every avenue but it all comes back to this--if the community doesn't take the time to support--can't put out the cost of a few drinks each a month to help, why go on? Foundations making grants want to see community support equaling their own. It does not exist in the place it should most exist, Colorado Springs, the Belly of the Beast.

Thus, I cried on the morning of March 13th because I truly believe that we are in danger of being totally overwhelmed. I am deeply concerned as to who will be there to stop them when they come for me. Today, we can still make a difference. Tomorrow will be too late!!!

We need your support - Have you mailed your Membership Renewal to the Office yet??

COMMUNITY SPIRIT LONG DISTANCE UNDER ATTACK

Urges Lesbian and Gay community to Lend Support

In response to losing the CommunitySpirit contract, Trans National Communications (TNC) began a telemarketing campaign criticizing the lesbian and gay owned and operated long distance company. TNC telemarketers are suggesting that CommunitySpirit may not be making donations to the gay community as promoted in its advertising. "This accusation is a complete falsehood," states Jeffrey J. Vitale, President of CommunitySpirit. "Trans National held the contract with us to provide our customers with customer service, billing and leased lines. On February 17th, we terminated our contract with Trans National because Trans National was unable or unwilling to honor contractual obligation. We terminated our arrangement with Trans National to protect the interests of our members and our community as a whole. While I am not at liberty to discuss specifics-because the dispute is in litigation-suffice it to say the TNC's contract breaches were many! Immediately after terminating our agreement with Trans National we signed a new contract and moved our customer base accordingly. Our program and commitment is stronger than ever. In fact, we are now able to offer a rate reduction to commercial customers and have declared every Saturday a gay calling holiday where every interstate call is just 10 cents/minute - including calls to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands! Existing CommunitySpirit customers can look forward to superior customer service and lower rates."

When asked about the donations, Vitale added, "We donate funds at the close of the calendar year. As soon as the books can be closed for 1993 approximately $80,000 will be distributed to approximately 600 different lesbian and gay supportive organizations - not bad for a fledgling company that had fewer than 5,000 customers last April! Because long distance customers typically take from 30 to 90 days to pay their phone bill, we will not have exact figures until April 1. Checks are scheduled to go out no later than May. In addition, beginning with the next bill, the actual organization to receive donations, as well as monthly and year to date donation amounts will appear on every CommunitySpirit bill - something that was impossible through TNC."

With the loss of the CommunitySpirit contract, TNC lost one of its largest clients - a testament to the economic clout of the lesbian and gay community. "This loss is so significant to them that they appear willing to launch a smear campaign against us and in so doing a campaign against our community," Vitale notes. "Trans National may have bottomless pockets but we will not let them destroy what we have build over the past year. Their actions suggest they have overlooked the strength of our community. CommunitySpirit is a grass-roots company that was created to provide services and funding for the organizations that keep our community strong. We are asking for everyone's support. To make the switch to CommunitySpirit call 1-800-ITS-OURS."

Any existing CommunitySpirit customers that are contacted by TNC are asked to vocalize their support and commitment to CommunitySpirit - It's a Family Thing!

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you sign up for long distance service from Community Spirit and name Ground Zero as the benefactor, you will be helping Gay and Lesbian enterprise and Ground Zero. Call the office--635-6086

GROUND ZERO IS A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION IT NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TO EXIST

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FILL OUT THE MEMBERSHIP FORM AND MAIL IT AT ONCE IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A MEMBER!!

If you are a member and haven't remembered how much it costs us to operate your organization each day lately, perhaps you would like to think of us now.

TRUE COLORS

BEER BUST!!

$5.00

ALL THE DRAFT BEER YOU CAN DRINK ALL NIGHT LONG

FRIDAY, APRIL 15th
9 P.M. TIL 1 A.M.

Did you catch this one?

Feds ban gay bias in emergency quake relief

(Febuary 19, 1994, The Denver Post)

By Kenneth J. Cooper
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - With two words inserted into the California earthquake assistance that President Clinton signed into law a week ago, the federal government has for the first time banned discrimination on the basis of "sexual orientation" in a federal program.

Advocates and critics of gays rights said that the littl-noticed ban on federal agencies discriminating against homosexuals in the distribution of emergency earthquake aid marked a narrow, but significant, departure in civil rights law.

"I don't want to overstate it. It may be a landmark of sorts," said Laurence Tribe, a liberal constitutional scholar at Harvard Law School.

"It's an important event in the sense it's the first time Congress has added this category to the list of protected groups," said William Rubenstein, director of the National Lesbian and Gay Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The ban on anti-gay bias is limited because it applies only to the $8.6 billion in disaster relief available to victims of the earthquake that damaged southern California Jan. 17.

Rep. Julian Dixson, D-Calif., who added the non-discrimination language during a House-Senate conference on the supplemental appropriations bill, played down the ban's significance as a legal precedent.

"I don't think it opens the door for anything else" except that "it sets a precedent for any other disaster of this type," Dixson said yesterday. "This was general non-discrimination language. I feel strongly that in the emergency of an earthquake, assistance should not be denied to anyone because of their sexual preference or orientation."

The language appears in as contraversial section of the legislation that bans long-term disaster assistance to "individuals not lawfully within the United States."

"In no case shall such federal entity, official, or their agent discriminate against any individual with respect to filling, inquiry or adjudication of an application for funding on the bases of race, color, creed,handicap, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, citizenship status or form of lawful immigration status," **the clause reads.**

JEFF VALDEZ

NATIONALLY PROMINENT COMEDIAN TO APPEAR IN BENEFIT FOR GROUND ZERO

One Show Only

FRIDAY APRIL 8TH
MIDNIGHT

at

THE HIDE N' SEEK COMPLEX

Jeff premiered his play "COMPADRES" as the first major funding event for GROUND ZERO. He returns to his native home, Colorado Springs, to perform once more for GZ.

LET's HAVE SOME FUN!!!!!

This page is for all our members ..... Do you have a concern? A problem? Need advice? Want to announce to Colorado Springs and beyond that you are madly in love with _____? Looking for a date? Well this page is for you.....

Next month the GZ newsletter will feature a page (this page) for personals. Also on this page will be a Dear Dyke column. Send in your questions, personals, etc..... and we will publish them.

ANN LANDERS will help us out this month.....

Taken from the *Gazette Telegraph*, February 29.

Dear Ann Landers: It amazes me that I am actually writing to you. Mine is a story I am sure you have heard before. I am a homosexual, and nobody knows it. I am the typical "boy next door." My friends and family would be shocked if they knew the truth. My longtime companion died recently of AIDS, and I feel very much alone. I am trying hard to accept my loss, and I hope some day that I will be able to feel good again.

I guess the reason I am writing is to plead for a little understanding and compassion. I watch the news and read the papers every day and wonder why homosexuals are so despised. If I could be "normal," I would grab that option in a heartbeat. But a series of failed heterosexual relationships and the pain they inflicted on the women I became involved with have taught me that I really have no right to try to be straight.

I'm not particularly comfortable with the image some flamboyant homosexuals project. It makes it difficult for those of us who choose not to go public, but perhaps bizarre behavior is their response to rejection. I just wish we could all learn to live together and be a little nicer to one another.
J.C. in Chicago.

* *Thank you for a letter that just might open the door a crack. It never ceases to amaze me that in this day and age, so many people fail to understand that homosexuality is not a lifestyle that is chosen. The "choice" was made at birth. Maybe one day, these haters will understand this.*

Think your friends might be missing something? They Are! Why not share this copy of the Ground Zero Newsletter with your friends, and let them fill out the membership form below to start receiving ALL the Ground Zero information, ALL the time.

Yes, I want to join Ground Zero in its fight against "2". Enclosed is $_____.
($20.00 is suggested, however if you can afford more it would be very appreciated. With a $20.00 or more membership you will receive GZ's monthly newsletter full of information.

Please, mark one of the following:
_____ Enter my name on your membership list.
_____ Accept this donation but do not place my name on your rolls at this time.

Name _____
Address _____
_____
(very important) Zip_____

Telephone # _____ (By including your phone #, you will be added to GZ's phone tree.)

Thank you for your donation and support!

The Cheshire Ball

AN EVENT

HELD FOR THE

PREVENTION

OF CHILD ABUSE

COME ONE, COME ALL

SPREAD SOME CHEER

AT THE CHESHIRE BALL!

The Children's Hospital

Here's a chance to show Colorado you care!

On April 23, a social event of outrageous proportions will take place in the Norwest Bank Atrium downtown. We're referring to the First Annual Cheshire Ball, an event intended to bring a smile not just to *your* face, but to the faces of children at risk all over Colorado.

A group of gay and lesbian organizations and their friends have joined hands in sponsoring the ball. All proceeds will benefit the Child Advocacy and Protection Team at The Children's Hospital as well as other organizations dedicated to the prevention of child abuse.

The Cheshire Ball

Saturday, April 23, 1994
Norwest Bank Atrium
1740 Broadway

8:00 pm Cheshire Ball
6:00-8:00 pm Patrons' Dinner

$50/person Cheshire Ball
$100/person Patrons' Dinner and Ball
Ticket prices are tax deductible

Show you care — don't miss this special evening!

CALL 635-6086 TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS

NORWEST BANKS · 12 KBDI · KNUS 710 The Talk Station · QUARK · GILL · EQUALITY COLORADO · GROUND ZERO · OUT FRONT · PFLAG · Human Rights Campaign Fund